

GENERAL REMARKS

In response to Final Office Action mailed on 12/28/2004, applicant amends the claims.

The amended claim set is presented on pages 3 to 8;
page 9 contains detailed remarks; and
page 10 has closing statements.

DETAILED REMARKS

Applicant respectfully asks for entering this amendment after a final office action. Applicant tried to talk to examiner for permission to consider this amendment, but such attempts, including phone mail message, in the period of 02/15-17/2005 have been unsuccessful.

In the final office action examiner considered applicant's arguments of the reply to first office action of 10/20/2004, however, found them not persuasive. Examiner stated that the arguments are moot because the claims did not contain the specific language of applicant's arguments and the specification. Examiner explicitly spelled out the missing material in the claims on pages 5 and 6 of the final office action. Accordingly, applicant amended independent claims 1 and 14 by inserting language pointed out by examiner consistently with the language in the specification. All the other claims are original ones.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment contains no new arguments and it is complying with examiner's expressed statements.

Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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